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1. ON NOVEMBER 27, 1973, AT A JOINT MEETING ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND THE COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL CABINET COMMITTEES ON DRUG ABUSE AND THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIS CONTROL, APPROVAL WAS GIVEN IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 85 NEW DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AGENT POSITIONS OVERSEAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975. APPROVAL FOLLOWED OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE SUCCESSES OF OUR DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, BUT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ROAD AHEAD WAS A LONG ONE AND THAT OUR INITIAL SUCCESSES SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR ANY LESSENING OF THE LEVEL OF EFFORT BEING MADE. HE ASKED THE CABINET TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO THE ATTACK ON NEWLY EMERGING PROBLEM AREAS AND TO DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB IN COMBATTING THE OLD. THE CABINET COMMITTEES DETERMINED THAT 35 OF THE 85 NEW OVERSEAS AGENT POSITIONS SHOULD BE ALLOTTED TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, WITH 20 OF THESE 85 FOR MEXICO.

2. DRA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INSTRUCTED BY OMB/FDM TO REVIEW CAREFULLY ITS OVERSEAS STAFFING NEEDS AND TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT EXACTLY WHERE IT PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH THE NEW POSITIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE CABINET COMMITTEES. DEA HAS NOW PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT IN DETAIL. WITH THE ADDITION OF CLERICAL AND OTHER PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF THE 85 AGENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE CABINET COMMITTEES, THE DEA PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 116 NEW DEA POSITIONS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS DURING FY 75; 67 OF WHICH ARE FOR ARA, INCLUDING 31 FOR MEXICO.

3. THE DEPARTMENT HAS STUDIED AND GIVEN APPROVAL TO THE DEA PROPOSAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THESE POSITIONS PENDING POST CONCURRENCE AND, WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION, HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. POSTS SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THE NEW POSITIONS WOULD NOT FALL WITHIN OPRED CEILINGS, BUT ARE ADDITIONAL TO CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS. SEPARATE MESSAGES WILL BE SENT TO THE ADDRESSEE POSTS CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE DEA STAFFING PROPOSALS AND THE DEA RATIONALE FOR THEM. YOUR RESPONSE SHOULD AWAIT RECEIPT OF THE SECOND CABLE. KISSINGER

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